

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7~~10~~, further comprising:
identifying one or more of said host devices; and
wherein said restricted functionality of said electronic appliance is released so that said restricted functionality may be used by only one of said one or more host devices.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, A method of releasing a restricted functionality of an electronic appliance, comprising:

(1) a selected host device connected to said electronic appliance executing a functionality restriction release program to release the restricted functionality of said electronic appliance;

(2) communicating between the selected host device and said electronic appliance, information relating to the release of the restricted functionality of said electronic appliance, wherein the selected host device communicates said information to said electronic appliance;

(3) as a result of acts (1) and (2), releasing the restricted functionality of said electronic appliance;

the selected host device determining the status of said restricted functionality;
enabling a driver on said selected host device to control said released functionality on said electronic appliance; and

wherein acts (1) and (2) are performed by a selected host device, and further comprising
disabling one or more drivers on said one or more other host devices from controlling one or
more functionalities of said electronic appliance for which a functionality restriction has not been
released.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 710, for releasing a restricted functionality of an electronic appliance, wherein said released functionality may be used by said selected host device connected to said electronic appliance.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4410, further comprising releasing, as a result of said communicating act, the restricted functionality of said electronic appliance so that said functionality may be used by multiple host devices connected to said electronic appliance.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 710, further comprising installing the functionality restriction release program stored on recording media and executing the functionality restriction release program upon installation for automatically releasing the restricted functionality of said electronic appliance.

14. – 21. (Canceled)